

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:277

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OCCUPANCY PATTERN IN TRAINS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways are re-allocating coaches from trains with low occupancy to those having high waiting lists;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith growth in passenger earnings to be made therefrom;
- (c) whether Zonal Railways have been empowered to take decisions in this regard by studying the occupancy pattern of different trains operating under them;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the new procedure for allocating coaches based on occupancy pattern has improved the financial position of Railways ; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 277 BY SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA AND SHRI IQBAL AHMED SARADGI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 11-08-2005-REGARDING OCCUPANCY PATTERN IN TRAINS.

(a) & (b) and (e) & (f): With a view to achieve optimum utilisation of available accommodation and to maximize the passenger earnings therefrom, a Passenger Profile Management (PPM) project has been launched on Indian Railways. This would be done by critically analysing the trend of occupation and earnings of different trains and taking various corrective action including adjustment of coaches from low occupancy trains to those having good patronization and long waiting list.

As the project is in its initial stage of implementation, its full impact on financial position cannot be quantified. However, the passenger earnings have shown an encouraging growth of approximately 11.36 % during the first three months, April to June, of the current financial year, as compared to the same period of last year.

(c) & (d) : Zonal Railways are empowered to review the occupation and take necessary action wherever operationally feasible including modification of the composition of trains.